

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT/ RESIGNATION BY PERSONNEL IN DEFENCE FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a rising trend among the personnel in the Defence Forces to seek voluntary retirement or resign;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of defence personnel who have sought voluntary retirement or resigned during each of the last three years, Force-wise; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 348 FOR ANSWER ON 26.4.2007

The force-wise number of Defence officers who sought voluntary retirement or resigned during each of the last three years, excluding Medical Officers, and who were discharged on acceptance of their application are as under:-

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	Seeking Discharge	Approved for Discharge	Seeking Discharge	Approved for Discharge	Seeking Discharge	Approved for Discharge
2004	435	290	116	112	238	238
2005	536	365	176	168	284	171
2006	811	464	257	176	207	80

The personnel below the rank of officers who have been granted voluntary retirement in the last three years, force-wise is as under:-

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
2004	15727	9	371			
2005	10534	9	986			
2006	8994	13	1222			

The main reasons identified for personnel seeking pre-mature retirement are:-

- (a) supersession for promotion
- (b) being placed in a permanently low medical category
- (c) compassionate reasons, such as, looking after ailing parents/children/siblings, to look after ancestral property, attend to litigation etc.

(d) failure to acquire minimum technical qualifications prescribed for promotion

(e) increase in employment opportunities on the civil side.

Remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard are:-

(a) allowing time-bound promotions up to the rank of Colonels and equivalent

(b) undertaking the married accommodation project for overcoming the shortage of family accommodation

(c) creation/upgradation of posts upto the rank of Colonels and equivalent to hasten promotion

(d) creation of the rank of Colonel (Time-Scale) and equivalent for time-bound promotion of superseded officers

(e) professional courses for superannuating officers.